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<b>Philip James IONS</b>	)	<b>Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned</b>
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<b>PCT/AU2005/000389</b> under 35 U.S.C. 371, for	)	
<b>METHOD OF BUILDING A DIRECT</b>	)	
<b>SMELTING PLANT</b>	)	

**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.